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RE POLTO 52, REPORTING GENERAL UNDERSTANDING NATO PERMREPS WILL SHORTLY START GENERAL PRIVATE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON BERLIN SITUATION, WHICH I PUSHED AS THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO EVOKE VIEWS OF OUR NATO ALLIES ON "SPECIFIC AND THOUGHT-OUT SUGGESTIONS ON HOW THE BERLIN CRISIS CAN BE HANDLED OR WHAT THE GENERAL NATURE OF WESTERN PROPOSALS MIGHT BE" WHICH YOU ASKED FOR IN PARA THREE TOPOL 38. I CAN EASILY RAISE ENOUGH QUESTIONS TO PUT THE BALL IN PLAY, BUT IF THERE ARE ANY SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF OUR ALLIES' ATTITUDES ON WHICH YOU WANT TO EVOKE VIEWS THAT WOULD HELP IN FORMULATING THE US POSITION, YOU MAY WISH TO LET ME KNOW SOON. THIS SEEMS A GOOD WAY TO FEEL OUT EUROPEAN THINKING AND TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK TO INFLUENCE IT.

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